

I have found TV captioning essential to follow events on TV, due to my hearing impairment, which is congenital. I do not bother with TV, if there is no captioning. Currently, it is disappointing that all programs, particularly certain news and PBS programs, do not have captioning. Urgent news and updates are frequently not captioned, which puts the hearing impaired community at risk. Please remember that hearing loss is the most common neurodegenerative disorder in this country (i.e. 28 million).

The quality of captioning is very variable, but it is improving overall. Hopefully captioning will become available and routine for the cinema in movie theaters.

Therefore I encourage you to continue with expanded application and use of captioning for all areas of public communication.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
Sincerely yours,

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